

REMARKS

Claims 3-8 and 10-21 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(a), Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment of the claims after the final rejection of claim 16. As described further below, the amendment solely cancels claims or amends claims to complying with the requirements of form set forth in the Final Office Action.

The Final Office Action dated July 29, 2003 repeated an earlier Restriction Requirement that required election of either the invention of Group I (claims 3-8 and 20) or the invention of Group II (Claims 10-19 and 21). Applicant confirms the election without traverse of Group II, claims 10-19 and 21. Please cancel claims 3-8 and 20, which are drawn to the invention of Group I. Applicant reserves the right to seek examination of the invention of Group I in a divisional application.

Claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-19, and 21 were objected to as containing informalities. In particular, claims 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17-19 were objected to for reciting "the lens of claim" when more than one lens is recited in each of the base claims. Claim 21 was objected to as being directed to "the system of claim 10" while claim 10 is directed to a telephoto lens. In response, Applicant is amending claims 11, 12, 14, 15, and 21 to recite "The telephoto lens of claim" and claims 17-19 to recite "A telephoto lens". Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-19, and 21.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,362,924 (Ohno). Claim 16 is cancelled.

Claims 17-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17-19 are amended to independent form including the limitations of canceled base claim 16. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection to claims 17-19.

In summary, claims 3-8, and 10-21 were pending in the application. Claims 10-15 and 21 were allowed. Applicant requests entry of the above amendment, which cancels rejected claim 16 and non-elected claims 3-8, and 20 and amends claims 10-15, 17-19, and

21 to overcome objections to form. For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application including claims 10-15, 17-19 and 21.

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